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Maryland Cash Rents Unchanged for State

Cash rent for cropland in Maryland was unchanged from last year according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. Average cash rent for cropland was \$55.50 per acre in 2002. Since 1995, cash rent has increased \$10.80 per acre.

Cash rents are highest on the Eastern Shore and North Central Maryland, and lowest in Western Maryland. Kent county has the highest average rent per acre at \$82.16, followed by Harford at \$75.21, and Queen Anne's at \$73.39. Garrett county has the lowest rent at \$26.94, followed by Allegany at \$32.34, and St. Mary's at \$34.08.

Maryland Cropland Cash Rents by County

County	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Dollars Per Acre					
<i>Allegany</i>	30.89	37.28	39.22	36.26	32.34
<i>Anne Arundel</i>	34.96	47.51	48.71	47.41	42.58
<i>Baltimore</i>	60.49	56.35	60.88	64.47	61.87
<i>Calvert</i>	41.73	37.41	42.61	43.53	39.78
<i>Caroline</i>	65.58	62.48	61.00	62.23	65.64
<i>Carroll</i>	58.41	58.11	59.66	59.05	57.68
<i>Cecil</i>	60.58	55.34	53.78	60.58	68.28
<i>Charles</i>	34.81	33.79	31.03	35.57	39.61
<i>Dorchester</i>	64.49	77.29	73.05	73.58	67.50
<i>Frederick</i>	48.07	48.84	51.14	53.03	59.97
<i>Garrett</i>	27.32	30.53	26.13	29.92	26.94
<i>Harford</i>	71.29	59.74	63.73	68.04	75.21
<i>Howard</i>	49.15	51.81	54.60	51.67	50.58
<i>Kent</i>	87.46	72.59	75.49	79.49	82.16
<i>Montgomery</i>	49.12	49.20	44.45	45.69	47.71
<i>Prince George's</i>	33.21	31.81	34.13	35.88	39.26
<i>Queen Anne's</i>	81.46	78.53	72.46	74.65	73.39
<i>St. Mary's</i>	25.84	28.11	28.22	30.69	34.08
<i>Somerset</i>	66.43	66.29	60.88	62.18	66.85
<i>Talbot</i>	82.39	87.10	86.46	78.32	69.77
<i>Washington</i>	47.72	52.34	52.35	55.13	55.57
<i>Wicomico</i>	55.43	58.28	59.66	58.65	53.91
<i>Worcester</i>	65.21	65.98	66.97	70.54	65.84
State Average	54.00	54.20	54.20	55.50	55.50

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